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The purpose of this teaching guide is to educate middle school students about American Indian culture reflected through Indian art forms. Ten contemporary Native American artists are featured with works representing both traditional and transitional techniques and materials. Represented art forms include beadwork, carvings, basketry, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, weaving, and painting. The guide is divided into five lesson plans: (1) a historical review of American Indian art; (2) information about the federally recognized tribes represented by the 10 artists; (3) a description of the different types of art work that reflect the artists' cultural backgrounds; (4) the use of symbols in American Indian art; and (5) 20 questions related to American Indian tribes, art work, and featured artists to be used for student presentations. Each lesson plan contains learning objectives, student activities, and reference materials. This guide contains photographs of the art forms and drawings of American Indian symbols used in art. (LP)

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